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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am writing to object to the proposed Microsoft settlement.

To date, Microsoft has used unfair and illegal tactics to garner the vast market share of several software arenas, including operating systems, web browsers, and office software. In doing so, they have made their products the de facto standard in these areas.

The proposed settlement does nothing to remedy these problems. In fact, by not forcing full sharing of APIs, file formats, and other key information, the settlement will further solidify Microsoft's monopoly on the industry.

I strongly recommend that the settlement as outline NOT be accepted, and an alternative found that will "level the playing field".